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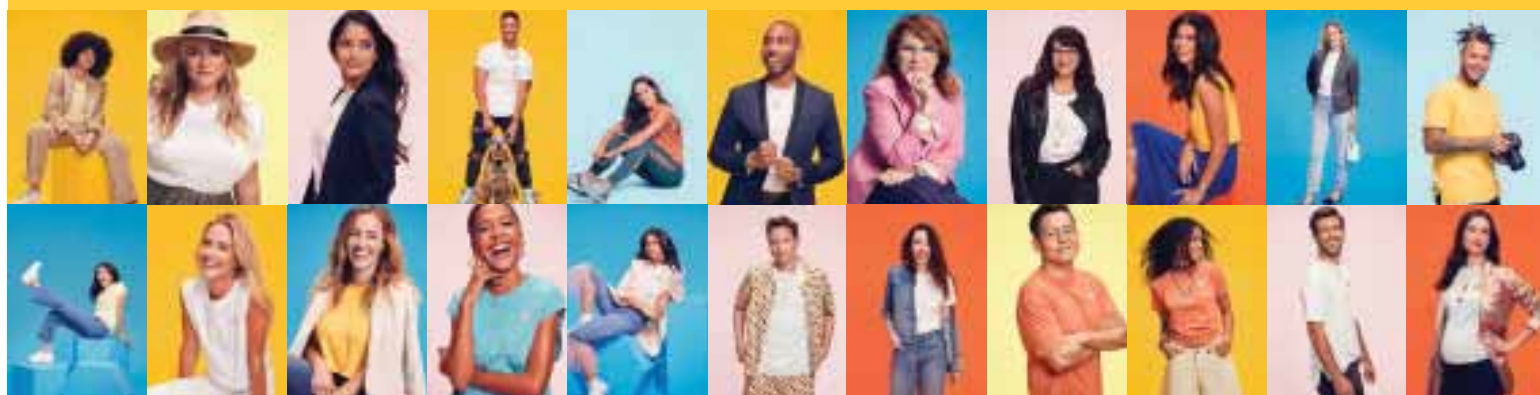
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THINGS
TO
KNOW

ANNA HÄRSTEDT, STAFF WRITER

Twenty people are abused by an intimate partner each minute in the United States, and 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. On Thursday, people across the nation will wear purple to raise awareness about domestic violence. I recently spoke to advocates and a survivor of domestic abuse to help shed light on the crisis. Turn to page 4 or visit metro.us for the story.

WELCOME TO
METRO.USTEEN KILLS 19 IN CRIMEA
COLLEGE SHOOTING

It least 19 people were killed and dozens injured at a college in the Black Sea region of Crimea on Wednesday when a student went through the building shooting at fellow pupils before killing himself, Russian law enforcement officials said. Eighteen-year-old Vladislav Roslyakov turned up at the college in the city of Kerch on Wednesday afternoon carrying a firearm and then began shooting, investigators said. His body was later found in the college with what they said were self-inflicted gunshot wounds. There were no im-

mediate clues as to his motive in mounting such an attack, which recalled similar shooting sprees carried out by students in U.S. schools. Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine in 2014, prompting international condemnation and Western sanctions, but since then there have been no major outbreaks of violence on the peninsula. Many of the victims from Wednesday's attacks were teenage students who suffered shrapnel and bullet wounds. Pupils and staff described scenes of mayhem as panicked pupils tried to flee the building.

TRUMP NOT READY TO
ABANDON SAUDI ARABIA

2 President Donald Trump said on Wednesday he did not want to abandon close ally Saudi Arabia over the disappearance of a Saudi journalist and government critic, and he needed to see evidence to prove Turkish claims he was killed by Saudi agents. Trump said he was waiting for a full report on what had happened to Jamal Khashoggi from Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, whom he sent to Saudi Arabia and Turkey to meet with officials over the disappearance. Turkish officials have said they believe Khashoggi, a Washington Post columnist who was critical

of the authoritarian kingdom's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, was murdered at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2 and his body removed. The Saudis have denied the allegations. Turkish sources have told Reuters the authorities have an audio recording indicating Khashoggi was killed inside the consulate. He has not been seen since entering the building. Turkey's pro-government Yeni Safak newspaper on Wednesday published what it said were details from audio recordings that purported to document Khashoggi's torture and interrogation.

SCULPTURE BY THE SEA 2018, BONDI

3 An early-morning jogger poses next to "Horizon" by artist Mu Boyan, part of Sculpture by the Sea at South Bondi Headland on Wednesday in Sydney, Australia.



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PUBLIC FUNDS JOIN PUSH
TO REMOVE ZUCKERBERG

4 Four major U.S. public funds that hold shares in Facebook Inc. on Wednesday proposed removing Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg as chairman following several high-profile scandals and said they hoped to gain backing from larger asset managers. State treasurers from Illinois, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, and New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer, co-filed the proposal. They oversee money including pension funds and joined activist and original filer Trillium Asset Management. A similar shareholder proposal seeking an

independent chair was defeated in 2017 at Facebook, where Zuckerberg's majority control makes outsider resolutions effectively symbolic. Rhode Island State Treasurer Seth Magaziner said that the latest proposal was still worth filing as a way of drawing attention to Facebook's problems and how to solve them. "This will allow us to force a conversation at the annual meeting, and from now until then in the court of public opinion," Magaziner said in a telephone interview. A Facebook spokeswoman declined to comment.

RECREATIONAL WEED
BECOMES LEGAL IN CANADA

5 Canada became the first industrialized nation to legalize recreational cannabis on Wednesday, but a lawful buzz will be hard to come by in its biggest cities like Toronto and Vancouver, where stores are not yet open. Marijuana enthusiasts in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada's easternmost province, kicked off the first permitted sales at midnight. Over 100 people braved the cold and wind in the provincial capital St. John's, lining up outside a Tweed-branded store owned by Canopy. Canopy Chief Executive Office Bruce Linton rang in the first

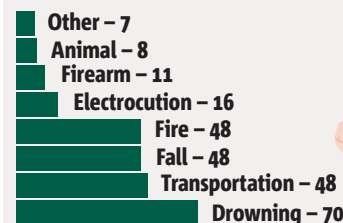
sales to residents Ian Power and Nikki Rose. "I came out tonight to be the first person in Canada to purchase the first legal gram of recreational cannabis, to help see the end of prohibition in Canada finally," Power said. The day was historic for the country as Canadian adults will be able to legally smoke recreational marijuana after nearly a century-long ban. However, with many provincial governments only approving a small number of shops so far and a shortage of weed supplied to these stores, many Canadians will likely be smoking black-market pot on Wednesday.

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NEWS

Why we need to talk more about domestic violence

On Thursday, people across the country will be wearing purple to support victims and help to raise domestic violence awareness.



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Twenty per minute.

That's how many people are abused by an intimate partner every day in the United States.

One in every 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. More than 20,000 calls are placed to domestic violence hotlines every day, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

"It's important to

know that there's no picture of a survivor. It can happen to teenagers and older adults. It can happen to anyone regardless of age, socioeconomic status, gender identity, or race," said Rachel Goldsmith, associate vice president of domestic violence shelters for Safe Horizon.

Domestic violence occurs in every type of relationship, including couples who are married, living together or who are simply dating. It can manifest not only as physical violence, but also psychological abuse and economic coercion.

"Domestic violence is more common than most people realize. If you look around and think about the statistics, the enormity of the issue becomes evident," said Chris McMurry of DomesticShelters.org. "We see an astonishing three million



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people visiting our website each year, and that's surely only a fraction of those experiencing domestic violence."

Many victims of domestic violence are afraid to leave their partner and instead suffer in silence. Only half of domestic violence cases are reported to authorities, experts say, and only a third of victims injured in inti-

mate partner violence receive medical care, according to the Department of Justice.

"Reaching out for help is the greatest thing I've ever done but it was also the hardest. We need to be aware that leaving an abusive relationship is a hard and long process," said a domestic violence survivor from New York, whom Metro will refer to

as Beth because she asked not to be identified.

For the last 31 years, in October, people across the U.S. have honored those who have lost their lives to domestic violence. Domestic Violence Awareness Month is now a time when communities gather and discuss how to generate public awareness about domestic violence, prevention strategies and effective responses for victims.

Oct. 18 is Wear Purple Day, also known as #PurpleThursday — an event where people all over the world promote awareness by wearing the color purple or purple ribbons. The color has long been used as a symbol for women seeking justice and for survivors reclaiming their power.

"I'm wearing purple to remind our community that there are still countless people across

our country who are constantly impacted by domestic violence," Beth said. "We should not stop reminding people of that until society has zero tolerance for domestic violence and all victims and survivors can be heard."

If you're experiencing domestic violence or know someone who is, there are many local and national hotlines that offer help. Those who work on the hotlines are experienced working with domestic violence issues, and the calls are always anonymous.

Local shelters across the U.S. provide safety, counseling, legal help and other resources for victims and their children.

If you are in need of assistance please call the Safe Horizon hotline, 1-800-621-HOPE, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE.

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Parents say New York City school buses have been plagued with issues like delays, no-shows and missing kids. **ISTOCK**

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City Council calls for GPS on all NYC school buses

Parents say that New York City school buses have been plagued with issues like delays and no-shows. NYC Council hopes a series of bills can help.

NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson hopes to resolve these issues with a package of bills unveiled this week meant to increase transparency around the Department of Education's Office of Pupil Transportation.

Called the Student



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Students who rely on New York City school buses to get to class experienced more than 27,000 school bus-related delays in September 2018 alone, according to data from the New York City Council. On average, those delays made kids 28 minutes late.

These delays, which most frequently stem from heavy traffic and mechanical problems, along with no-show buses and missing kids, are just some of the New York City school bus issues that have prompted parents to make hundreds of thousands of calls to the city school bus helpline.

“We heard from families about buses that did not show up at all.”

Randi Levine,
policy director,
Advocates for Children
of New York

Transportation Oversight Package (STOP), the plan calls on the city to outfit its yellow school buses with GPS tracking and two-way radios.

It also requires the DOE to make scheduled New York City school bus routes public at least one month before school starts; provide



NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson. GETTY IMAGES

more extensive training for bus drivers who transport students with disabilities; and report on details like the department's policies for

“The recent issues we have seen, with buses failing to show up and students left stranded hours on end, are terrifying.”

Corey Johnson,
NYC Council speaker

handling complaints against bus drivers and the number of investigations into drivers each quarter.

“When parents put their children on a school bus, they expect their kids will travel safely and arrive on time. The recent issues we have seen, with buses failing to show up and students left stranded hours on end, are terrifying, especially for students with disabilities and very young children,” Johnson said in a statement. “What a horrible way to start the year for these kids and families.”

Johnson introduced the student transportation bills at a packed City Council Education Committee hearing on Tuesday.

Parents and advocates for students testified about difficulties they’ve experienced just trying to get their kids to class on time.

“We heard from families about buses that did not show up at all, buses that arrived at school after classes began, bus schedules that required students to leave class early, bus rides that lasted for hours, bus rides that far exceeded the maximum amount of time allowed by students’ Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), buses that arrived without the nurse or paraprofessional that students required, buses that did not have the air-conditioning, wheelchair lift, or other accommodations that the students’ IEPs mandated, and children arriving home with injuries that they did not have prior to getting on the bus,” said Randi Levine, policy director at Advocates for Children of New York.

New York City Schools Chancellor Richard A. Carranza spoke at the hearing as well, acknowledging that the New York City school bus delays were “unacceptable” and promising to overhaul the system.

Carranza introduced the DOE’s new Senior Advisor to the Chancellor for Transportation, Kevin Moran, who will oversee the Office of Pupil Transportation. Moran detailed some changes by the city to improve school buses — both underway and planned for the future — like a new Twitter handle @NYCSchoolBuses to facilitate communication, better background checks on bus drivers, added staff positions, and plans to explore the idea of GPS on all buses.

Currently, just special education buses — about one-third of the New York City school bus fleet — are equipped with GPS, he said.



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The video shows a Melania Trump look-alike stripping in front of the Atlanta rapper. **TWITTER**

Melania rep calls for boycott after T.I. video featuring first lady look-alike

The hashtag #BoycottTI began to trend on Twitter.



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A spokeswoman for first lady Melania Trump is asking for people to boycott T.I. after the rapper released a video featuring a Melania Trump look-alike giving the rapper a strip-tease inside what appears to be the White House Oval Office.

"Like it or not, she is the first lady and this is the White House," said Trump's communications director Stephanie Grisham in a statement to CNN.

ing Melania Trump grabs T.I. by his tie and leads him out of the Oval Office.

The video also shows snippets from footage of President Trump walking to the Marine One helicopter and another clip of him riding in a golf cart, implying that the Melania model is looking to have an affair with T.I. while the president is gone.

T.I. posted the racy video clip on Twitter Saturday and since then it has more than three million views and has received more than 28,000 retweets and 80,000 likes.

T.I. tweeted, "I ain't Kanye," making a reference to Kanye West's recent visit to the White

"It's disrespectful and disgusting to portray her this way simply because of politics. These kinds of vulgar attacks only further the divisiveness and bias in our country."

Stephanie Grisham, Trump's communications director

"It's disrespectful and disgusting to portray her this way simply because of politics. These kinds of vulgar attacks only further the divisiveness and bias in our country — it needs to stop," she added. She is now asking people to boycott T.I.

The one-minute video clip shows a model who resembles Melania Trump wearing the now-infamous "I Really Don't Care, Do U?" jacket with nothing underneath. The Melania look-alike opens the jacket and climbs on top of a desk at which T.I. — whose real name is Clifford Harris — is seated. The first lady look-alike begins to undress for T.I., who appears to play a White House official in the video. The model portray-

House to meet with the president.

Since the video was posted, some people are taking to Twitter to express their disgust in the clip and are calling for a boycott of the Atlanta rapper using the hashtag #BoycottTI.

At least one person pointed out that people have made derogatory statements about Michelle Obama in the past but are now calling for a boycott of T.I.'s forthcoming album.

T.I. isn't the first rapper to use imagery of the Trump administration in a music video. In 2017, Snoop Dogg released a video for his song "Lavender," where he shoots a clown version of President Trump in the head.

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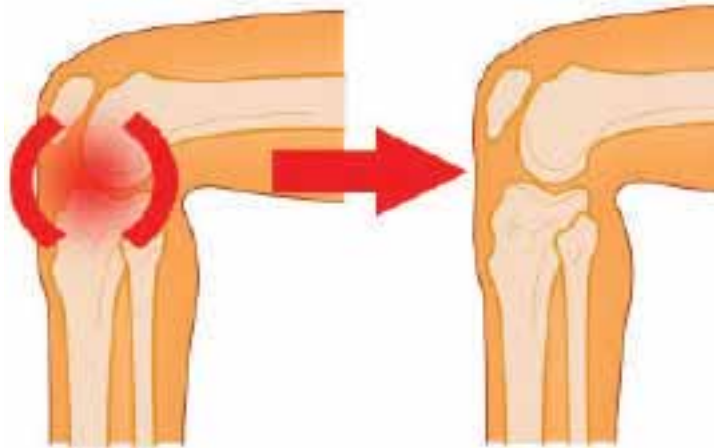
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Trump doesn't think Democrats will back Bloomberg in 2020 election

"I think the Democrats will eat him up," President Trump said of Michael Bloomberg's possible run for president in the 2020 election.



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While it has been long rumored that former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is mulling a run for president in the 2020 election, President Trump isn't all that concerned about facing him on the

ballot.

"I think he'd be easy, so easy," President Trump said on Fox Business' "Trish Regan Primetime" Tuesday. "I don't think he'd get through the Democrats. I think the Democrats will eat him up."

Bloomberg, who previously ran for public office as both a Republican and independent, fanned the flames of his potential candidacy in the 2020 election last week when he returned to his Democratic roots.

"At key points in U.S. history, one of the two parties has served as a bulwark against those who threaten our Constitution. Two years ago

at the Democratic Convention, I warned of those threats," Bloomberg captioned an Instagram photo that showed him filling out a New York state voter registration form. "I have re-registered as a Democrat — I had been a member for most of my life — because we need Democrats to provide the checks and balance our nation so badly needs."

Bloomberg had been a member of the Democratic Party for 40 years when he switched to Republican while running for mayor of New York City. Elected in 2001, Bloomberg went on to serve three terms, two



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as a Republican and his last as an independent.

While President Trump has already raised more than \$108 million for his re-election bid, Bloomberg has mostly stayed out of the political arena since his time as New York's 108th mayor ended in 2013. However, his name has long circulated among rumored candidates in the 2020 election.

"You have a lot of people running, you

hear names that are shockingly bad, but they're nasty," President Trump said on "Trish Regan Prime-time."

Other 2020 potentials include Democratic Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Kamala Harris of California, former Vice President Joe Biden and even Stormy Daniels' firebrand lawyer Michael Avenatti.

Avenatti is "not a

serious person," President Trump told Regan, but "Bloomberg is, but I don't think he'll do well. He may do it, or he may not, but I don't think he'll do well."

While only time will tell who may challenge President Trump in the 2020 election, he told Regan, "I have a pretty good idea who — I'm not going to tell you, but I have a pretty good idea who it is, who I think will emerge as a group."

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Plane carrying Melania forced to return to MD

The first lady was en route to speak at a Philly hospital when the cabin filled with smoke just after takeoff.



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A plane carrying first lady Melania Trump was forced to return to a Maryland Air Force base after the cabin filled with smoke just after takeoff.
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A plane carrying first lady Melania Trump was forced to return to a Maryland Air Force base after the cabin filled with smoke just after takeoff.

Trump's plane returned to Joint Base Andrews in Prince George's County, Maryland, about 10 minutes after it took off for Philadelphia Wednesday morning, according to Meghan K. Welsh, a Fox News producer who was part of the press pool traveling with the first lady. Despite a burning smell

and a haze of smoke, the plane landed safely and those on board were given wet towels to put over their faces.

While White House officials didn't yet say what caused smoke to fill the cabin, her Communications Director Stephanie Grisham told CNN it was a "minor mechanical. Everyone is fine, and everyone is safe."

Welsh tweeted after

the incident that "we are safely on the ground at Andrews Air Force Base after a thin haze of smoke and strong burning smell in the cabin of Air Force One this morning shortly after takeoff."

Trump did visit Philadelphia's Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and toured its neonatal intensive care nursery. She returned to Washington afterward.

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Who is this Harvard Trained doctor and what treatments are offered?

His name is Dr. George Hanna. And check this out...

He completed his medical training at 3 of the top schools in the world: University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Cornell University and Harvard Medical School.

Not only that... *Dr. Hanna was appointed to the Harvard Medical School and an instructor from 2013 - 2016.*

He actually has too many honors in medicine to list here.

Dr. Hanna believes in being innovative and staying on the cutting edge of medicine. That's why he continued to train and teach long after graduating medical school.

What does all this mean for you and your pain?

Dr. Hanna offers several advanced treatments for back, hip, and knee pain at NYC Pain MD - depending on what you need.

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In fact, not everyone will eliminate all their pain.

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How would it feel to be able to go to bed... sleep through the night... and wake up refreshed... regain mobility.... without pain.

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It's amazing how many doors can open up, opportunities arrive... and... how much FUN life can be... when you are no longer suffering in pain.

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If so... here's great news!

Even though Dr. Hanna's and NYC Pain MD's treatments

have helped so many back and knee pain victims... sadly... it does not help everyone.

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How to check all this out for FREE

Every month Dr. Hanna and NYC Pain MD offers a very limited number of free screenings. At this screening, you get to see if these advanced treatments can help you...

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Obviously, due to time limitations, Dr. Hanna cannot see every pain sufferer who wants in.

For that reason, he must limit the number of screenings he offers each month.

So, if you are interested, the best thing to do is call 877-254-7316 right now and tell the scheduling coordinator you would like free back or knee pain screening, appointment. They will know what this is all about and schedule you for the earliest time available.

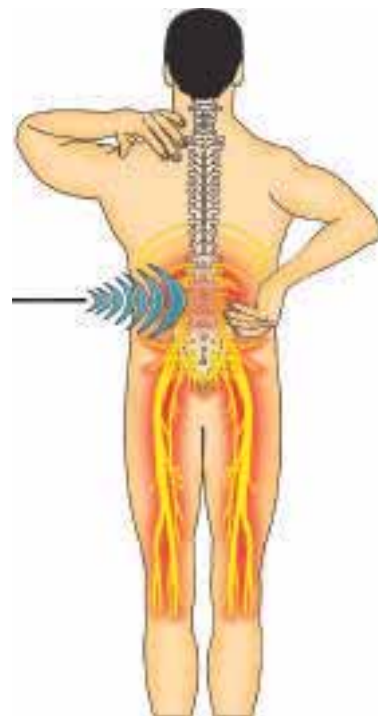
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There will be another L train shutdown this weekend and next (and two in November) to help prep the subway line for its impending 15-month closure in April.

There will be no L service between Manhattan and Brooklyn this weekend, as well as Oct. 27-28, Nov. 10-11 and Nov. 17-18 between 11:30 p.m. Friday and 5 a.m. Monday. There will only be service between Broadway Junction and Canarsie-Rockaway Parkway in Brooklyn.

The MTA will provide shuttle buses in Brooklyn and additional train and local bus service in both Manhattan and Brooklyn, the agency said when the weekend L train



VIA

shutdown plan was announced back in August.

"Our crews are working hard on track and signal infrastructure during periods of lower ridership so that while the L train tunnel is reconstructed and we run in Brooklyn only next year, it's the most reliable service we can deliver on the line," NYC Transit President Andy Byford said then.

To help New Yorkers get to and from Brooklyn and Manhattan, Via introduced the L-Train ViaPass. For \$19 each weekend from Friday at 11 p.m. to Monday at 5 a.m., Via users can get up to four free rides per day using the promotion.

Rides must start and end in Williamsburg, Bushwick or in Manhattan below 23rd Street. All additional rides and rides outside that L train shutdown zone will be 10 percent off for L-Train ViaPass holders.

Riders will need to apply promo code LTRA-INVIAPASS to see the option in the Via app.

"Via's technology is designed to solve transportation problems exactly like this by automatically allocating supply to areas of higher demand, like we'll see once the closures take full effect," a Via rep told Metro.

Via also recently partnered with the NYD DOT for Gridlock Alert Days "to help incentivize sharing over single-occupancy vehicle trips during difficult travel periods, and we hope to support the MTA and the city in any way we can throughout these closures," the rep said.



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1 bedroom	\$726	1 person	\$ 26,846 - \$ 29,240	\$2,487	1 person	\$ 85,269 - \$ 95,030
		2 people	\$ 26,846 - \$ 33,400		2 people	\$ 85,269 - \$ 108,550
2 bedroom	\$881	2 people	\$ 32,194 - \$ 33,400	\$2,993	2 people	\$102,617 - \$ 108,550
		3 people	\$ 32,194 - \$ 37,560		3 people	\$102,617 - \$ 122,070
		4 people	\$ 32,194 - \$ 41,720		4 people	\$102,617 - \$ 135,590

¹ Rent includes gas for cooking.

² Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children. Subject to occupancy criteria.

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LAUNDRY DAY...

Whenever I have to think about which appliance I would rather have in my apartment between a dishwasher or washer-dryer, I choose laundry without hesitation. I'm not sure how it is for all of you Grumblers out there, but the whole ritual of packing up all of my clothes and heading to my laundromat is something I dread every week. In fact, it is something I always tend to put off until I can no longer wait. Trusting the clothes you have chosen to define your whole aesthetic to be cleaned by those rickety, humming machines is certainly a tight-rope to walk. And don't get me started on the long wait between wash and dry cycles. On a good night, things can run smoothly. You can leave your clothes and come back



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to tend to your wares in a couple different painless sessions. But it only takes one or two times for the machines to hiccup or — knock on wood — someone rummages

through your clothes mid-dry for you to not want to be within feet of the whole operation.

I know, I could just send out for one of those drop-off

services. But believe me, that hasn't gone great in the past. Laundry day, you are the bane of my existence.

Author's note: Today is laundry day.

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Cancer Use your intuition to decipher who is and isn't honest. Doing something unique will give you a different perspective on who you want to collaborate with.



Leo Take the time to explain how you feel or what you want to see happen. Being upfront will give you a chance to weigh what you want to do next against the response you receive.



Virgo A chance to hang out with someone new and exciting may entice you, but consider including the people who have stood by you in the past as well.



Libra An enthusiastic attitude will help you accomplish your goals. You are best off listening carefully when dealing with youngsters or a loved one. A difference of opinion could cause setbacks.



Scorpio Problems will develop at home or work if you change the way you do things without approval, or if someone else does the same. Communication will be important if you want things to run smoothly.



Sagittarius If you discuss your intentions, you'll find out who is and isn't likely to stand beside you to help. The support you receive will fortify your plans.



Capricorn Look for alternative methods when it comes to taking care of your chores or responsibilities. Getting things done on time and without a hitch will lead to an unusual but interesting offer.



Aquarius Do what's best for you, not what someone is pressuring you to do. Change must be to your benefit and not made just to appease someone looking out for his or her own interest.



Pisces If you share your ideas, you'll open up a discussion that will help you make worthwhile tweaks before you actually launch your plans. A contract or partnership is favored. EUGENIA LAST

LIFESTYLE



"Halloween" opens in theaters Oct. 19.
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Why making 'Halloween' in 2018 was such a tricky process

Director David Gordon Green and star Andi Matichak on the timeliness of Mike Myers' random acts of violence.



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Forty years after its release, John Carpenter's "Halloween" is even more terrifying than it was back in 1978.

That's not just because of Carpenter's hypnotic score, his patient yet brutal direction and Jamie Lee Curtis' iconic performance, to name but a few of the film's endless list of traits. Instead, it's because of Mike Myers or more specifically, the randomness of Mike Myers'

violent acts since, in 2018, mass shootings and random acts of violence and terror are now depressingly regular occurrences.

The timeliness of "Halloween" and Mike Myers was something that co-writer and director David Gordon Green was very much aware of, especially as he was just coming off "Stronger" with Jake Gyllenhaal, which is about the Boston Marathon bombings.

"That really got me in the head space of the horrific nature of these random acts of terror," Green tells Metro. "I got to know Jeff Bauman and his family very intimately, and how it affected them years later and how they are still processing random events."

"So I have great sympathy that have gone



Mike Myers is back.

through these traumatic experiences. I am also a great advocate for anyone who wants to rise to the strength and character of confronting those issues within themselves," he adds. "That is why it was a great opportunity to work with someone that has

such a strong and empowered personality as Jamie Lee Curtis, because it allowed us to take a realistic look at these events from 1978, as if they had really happened to the character."

Green wanted to look at "how people process

trauma and hardship and find strength within themselves."

"There is a responsibility to not just exploit the gratuity and grotesqueness of horror for a cinematic roller coaster," says Green. "For me, I feel a personal emotional conviction to balance the insanity of terrible events with the charisma of strength from what comes from it."

Andi Matichak, who plays Allyson Strode, the grand-daughter to Curtis' Laurie, also explained that one of the keys to making "Halloween" terrifying was to return to the "simplicity of what John Carpenter created in 1978."

"When they went back and looked at what made the first one work, I know they saw that simplicity of just this crazy person,

who we don't know anyone about and who has no real motive to kill anyone or choose his victims," says Matichak. "And that, to me, as a viewer is what made it so scary, the randomness of the acts and that there was nothing tying Michael to anyone in the town."

Tapping into the genuine fears, scares and emotions that the genre, and particularly "Halloween," uniquely evokes was exactly what Green built his film to achieve, too.

"Horror has always resonated with me because it has this raw, primal, realistic energy that isn't supernatural or is so far out there that I don't understand," says Matichak. "So it was the simplicity of it that appealed and got under my skin and truly frightened me."

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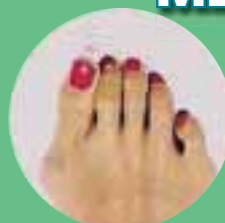


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Admission to the festival will get you two hours of unlimited free tastings from all of the participating breweries while the VIP options will give you one extra hour of tastings as well as access to special perks such as oysters, a silent disco, special craft cocktails, and much more.

When the festival first started, the craft beer landscape was not nearly as burgeoning and vibrant as it is today. Now it

seems like you can get off at any subway stop in the five boroughs and only be a short distance from a craft brewery. "The fact that we now have about 40 different breweries calling NYC home and about 30 of them actually brewing here in the city is phenomenal," says Ann Reilly, events and promotions coordinator for Five Boroughs Brewing Co., which calls the Brooklyn neighborhood of Sunset Park home.

The founder of the festival, Ken Kesler, sees this explosion of craft beers in America as a "the more the merrier" scenario rather than an oversaturation of the market. After all, beer is delicious and even if this has been causing some of the bigger corporate breweries to buy up some of the big names in the little leagues, the quality — for the most

Details:

—Friday, Oct. 19, 7-11 p.m.,
Saturday, Oct. 20, 1-4:30 p.m.
& 6-9:30 p.m. (two sessions)
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nycraftbeerfest.com

part — has not seemed to decline, only flourish.

Kesler believes that the goal is to introduce beer enthusiasts to some breweries that they would not normally be able to try. "I think that there are a few guys that will surprise people that haven't been there before," says Kesler. "I think that people will be real pleased to find a bunch of very small guys. They're not going to their local liquor store and finding them. They need to come to our festival to try some really cool stuff." PAT KING

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Halloween takes over a museum

Kids can trick-or-treat through 30 halls of the American Museum of Natural History, meeting performers and doing crafts along the way, plus performances and photo ops by Curious George, Clifford the Big Red Dog and the Big Apple Circus. **Oct. 27, 2-6 p.m., \$16, amnh.org**

Harvest some fun

Bring your little pumpkin to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's annual music and harvest festival, Ghouls & Gourds. Expect tons of nature- and Halloween-themed fun like rutabaga skeeball, helping to build a giant spiderweb and "Brooklyn's wackiest costume parade," plus concerts. **Oct. 27, free for kids under 12, \$20 for adults, bbg.org**

Do a turn on the catwalk
Brookfield Place's all-ages Halloween Bash is taking the spook factor out of ghosts with how-to workshops by Double Take Labs, plus a Costume Catwalk, trick-or-treating at designated shops and tons of entertainment from live music to Coney Island Sideshow performers. **Oct. 27, 230 Vesey St., free, bfpjny.com**

Two Halloween traditions in one place

Take part in Haiti's Festival of the Ancestors at Socrates Sculpture Park with special activities and performances. There's also traditional Halloween fun including costume-making, crafts, face-painting, animal blessings (bring your pets!) and a dog costume contest. **Oct. 27, noon-4 p.m., free, socratessculpturepark.org**

A slightly haunted walk in the park

Prefer to meet the ghouls, witches and zombies of Halloween in broad daylight? They're waiting for you on a child-friendly (ages 7-12) haunted walk through the woods of Prospect Park's Lookout Hill. For your bravery, you'll be rewarded with a Halloween Fair of themed activities and food trucks. **Oct. 27, noon-3 p.m., free, eventbrite.com**

Set your fears adrift

One of NYC's most unique Halloween celebrations is Central Park's annual Halloween tradition that sets jack-o'-lanterns adrift on the Harlem Meer. The day begins with a Halloween parade of costumed little ghouls followed by ghost stories and crafts, then watch the Pumpkin Flotilla take all the glowing gourds on a twilight tour of the lake. **Oct. 28, nycgovparks.org**

Have a historical Hallowe'en

Journey back to the past at the New York Historical Society's Hallowe'en Party just for kids and families with fortune-tellers, creepy crafts, Gilded Age ghost stories — even the candy is old-timey. Your ticket also includes entry to the new "Harry Potter: A History of Magic" exhibit. **Oct. 28, \$20, nyhistory.org**

Walk the trick-or-treat trail

Meet the plants that hunger for flesh at the Queens Botanical Garden, where Halloween means a trick-or-treat trail, crafts, a kid-size hay maze, magic show and dance party. **Oct. 28, free with admission, queensbotanical.org**

A parade just for kids

Make sure your costume game is on point for the 28th annual Washington Square Park Children's Halloween Parade. Families are invited to gather at the fountain for a lively march through the grounds; afterward, find free performances, games and rides on West Third Street. **Oct. 31, 3-6 p.m., free, washington-squareparkconservancy.org**

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Live the horrors of a post-L train Bushwick at this haunted house and nightclub.



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If you took a poll of what scares New Yorkers most, chances are they'd say getting on the subway with such perks as indoor waterfalls and surprise shutdowns. But the worst is yet to come, and it's inspired the city's scariest event of Halloween 2018: The L Train Shutdown haunted house.

Opening Oct. 18 through Nov. 3, the L Train Shutdown Nightmare is a massive 40,000-square-foot pop-up haunted house at 53 Scott Ave. in Bushwick that also includes a nightclub called Club Transit.



Who knows how much bigger subway rats can get without regular train traffic! @LTRAINSHUTDOWNNIGHTMARE



The new neighbors want to say "hi."

The setting is especially appropriate since Bushwick will be among the neighborhoods hit hardest when the L train goes on hiatus, so it may as well get some benefit out of it.

The scares inside aren't so much about North Brooklyn residents having to ride a bike or find a comparably affordable apartment elsewhere

in the city (that would be too cruel). Instead, The L Train Shutdown haunted house imagines the year 2019, six months after the rails have gone silent, and "things did not go as planned."

In fact, it doesn't even label itself as a haunted house but "the horrifying reality of a post-L train nightmare." Inside, terror and hysteria rule

the "decaying streets of Bushwick, warped by the chaos and destruction wrecked by the disturbing aftermath of the L train shutdown."

We've reached out to the organizers for more details, but their Instagram hints at terrors like mutants coming up from the depths and giant rats taking over platforms. Which isn't imaginary so

much as a regular Tuesday.

After you've gotten all the screaming and crying out — may as well do it here instead of on the train — Club Transit is also an actual nightclub with live acts scheduled almost every night of the haunted house, and a vintage costume party on Halloween night. And because Brooklyn is all

about the hustle, Club Transit is also a hub for local fashion, art, food and drink vendors.

Hours are 8 p.m.-midnight for The L Train Shutdown haunted house and 10 p.m.-4 a.m. for Club Transit; you must be 21 or older, and tickets are \$35 for both, or \$20 if you only came to dance.

More details at ltrainshutdown.com.

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Washington Irving's home

Looking for some inspiration? Head to the home of Washington Irving, the author of "Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman," in the Hudson Valley. The stone cottage was built in the 1830s and is charming by day, spooky by night — and during the Halloween season, you can take part in hair-raising tours of the home and grounds, hear how the Victorians were mad for vampires and séances, and how the Sleepy Hollow legend has endured through pop culture. There's fun, too,

including eerie photo ops, historic games, a shadow puppet performance and Halloween arts & crafts. **Weekends through Oct. 28, 3 W. Sunnyside Lane, Irvington, hudsonvalley.org**

Sleepy Hollow

No one is sleeping in Sleepy Hollow through October, which is literally legendary for being haunted by the Headless Horseman. That means there's Halloween fun and activities on every street. Don't miss Philipsburg Manor, an 18th-century farm village that transforms into the Horseman's Hollow for October, where you'll walk among some twisted characters on your way to Ichabod's Schoolhouse, a maze only the bravest will survive. For on-theme but less intense scares, the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery offers several themed lantern tours like An Eve-



Get your head scared off in Sleepy Hollow. GETTY IMAGES

ning with Edgar Allan Poe. **Various dates and prices, hudsonvalley.org**

This Is Real: Horror Stories

The escape room experience of the season, This Is Real is back, this time in upstate New York. If you went to their terrifying kidnapping experience in Red Hook last year, you know why we say only the strong will survive this experience (oh, and you also have to be at least 18). Groups of five enter, and

you'll all be blindfolded the entire time — how many will emerge? **Oct. 18-Nov. 4, Cold Spring, thisisreal.nyc**

Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze

For the most spectacular pumpkin display, head out to Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson, where some 7,000 gourds have been carved into a spectacular glowing garden of towering sculptures. There are topical pop culture references,

a new medieval castle to go with the always awe-inspiring dragon, a fully functional pumpkin carousel and New York City icons like the Statue of Liberty. **Oct. 4-31 and Nov. 1-4, 7-11, 15-17 & 23-24, 525 S. Riverside Ave., Croton-on-Hudson, hudsonvalley.org**

Field of Terror Haunted Farm

All the "Walking Dead" you've been watching has been to prepare you for the Zombie Mud Run, a

mad dash across obstacles like climbing in and out of open graves, slogging through mud pits and avoiding zombies trying to eat your organs (or, in this case, steal the flags from your belt). The course is part of the Field of Terror Haunted Farm, which has family-friendly hayrides and other fall activities during the day but shifts to haunted houses and a Circus of Terror paintball course at night. **Oct. 27, 831 Windsor Perrineville Rd., East Windsor, New Jersey, fieldofterror.com**

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Witch City is the perfect place to celebrate Halloween, but there's more to the Massachusetts town than just haunted happenings. Salem is also filled with all kinds of great museums, restaurants and so much more. We've put together a nifty guide to all the fun things to do in Salem.

House of the Seven Gables
Built by ship-owner John Turner in 1668,

A large, dark, multi-story house with a prominent chimney and a small lighthouse-like structure on the roof, surrounded by lush gardens and a white tent in the background. The scene is set in a garden with various plants and flowers, including large green leaves in the foreground. A white tent is visible in the background, and a few people are standing near it. The sky is overcast.

Another gorgeous spot to book a stay in Salem, The Merchant is always a popular spot for visitors. The hotel has a lot of history too, as it was built by noted 18th century architect Samuel McIntire and even once housed President Washington. **148 Washington St., themerchantsalem.com**

this historic home has become a must-see destination, especially for fans of Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1851 classic 1851 "The House of the Seven Gables." This year, the iconic landmark celebrates its 350th anniversary with staged readings of the Hawthorne novel, workshops and more. 115 Derby St., 7gables.org

Peabody Essex Museum
A staple of Salem's arts and culture scene, the PEM is the perfect place to enjoy some amazing artwork while taking a break from all the spectacular spooky events around town. The museum currently has an "Empresses of China's Forbidden City" exhibit on display, which ex-

plores the impact these female rulers had on the Qing dynasty. 161 Essex St., pem.org

Salem Witch Village
Located right across the street from the PEM, the Salem Witch Village is a one-stop shop for all sorts of haunted happenings. The area is home to a number of attractions, including the

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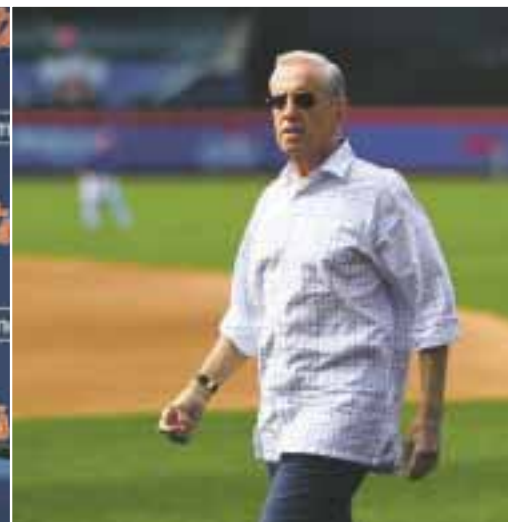
Writing about the ineptitude of the Wilpon family, owners of the New York Mets, has become commonplace at this publication. Even with no baseball being played in Queens, they are still up for ridicule as the organization's offseason has gotten off to a sluggish start.

After making former GM and ailing Sandy Alderson the fall guy for the past two poor seasons in a backstabbing way that only could be done by the father-and-son duo, Fred and Jeff are taking the reins on hiring his replacement.

There's been no



Jeff (left) and Fred (right) Wilpon have made it clear that the Mets don't know what they want in their new general manager. GETTY IMAGES



rhyme or reason to their tactics, so far.

The first round of interviews saw Jeff assistant GM John Ricco,

who wasn't up for the position, bring in candidates from all different ends of the spectrum when it comes to baseball ideologies.

Milwaukee Brewers senior advisor Doug Melvin (66 years old) and St. Louis Cardinals director of player development Gary LaRocque (65 years old) both specialize in scouting and player development. It would be the perfect fit for the stubborn father Fred, whose past implies that he scowls at next-generation analytics like a curmudgeon yelling at kids to stop playing in the street in front of his house.

Regardless, Melvin and LaRocque's backgrounds suggest that the Mets would want to build from the ground up, attaining young talent and working with them to ensure they become productive contributors at the major-league level.

It's an aspect of the organization, outside of the pitching staff, that has been an issue. Amed Rosario and Dominic Smith have not met expectations upon their debuts while the farm system is ranked in the bottom half of the league.

At the end of the day though, it would seem the Wilpons are content with rebuilding on a budget, an idea that

would make any Mets fan cringe. At the end of the day, this is a big-market club that can stand to have a payroll hover over \$200 million rather than the \$172 million it had last year.

It's worth noting that LaRocque did not partake in contract negotiations with the Cardinals, which immediately puts the Mets behind should they ever want to pursue a big-name free agent. Let's be honest, though, that probably won't happen.

This is where things sort of begin to slide off the rails just a bit more.

While old-school is favored to prevail, the Mets also brought in 35-year-old Tampa Bay Rays senior vice president of baseball operations Chaim Bloom, more of an analytical, new-school candidate that goes against everything the Wilpons believe in.

After all, they said Alderson was too analytical at times despite the Mets having one of the smallest analytics staff in baseball.

Yet Bloom helped build the Rays into an unlikely for the American League Wild Card race as the team won 90 games in 2018. And they did it on a \$77 million payroll, which is music to the cheap Wilpons' ears.

Somewhere in the

middle of old-school and next-gen is MLB executive Kim Ng, who could become the league's first female general manager, De Jon Watson.

Sure, the Mets might be making progress in the interview process, but it's become crystal clear that even the Wilpons have no idea what they want in a general manager or how they are going to approach the future. Who would want to enter an organization in such disarray?

The Mets have already seen Cleveland Indians GM Mike Chernoff, Dodgers VP of baseball operations Josh Byrnes, former Red Sox GM Ben Cherington and Minnesota Twins GM Thad Levine decline interviews with the team. You can't blame them.

Fred and Jeff Wilpon are more likely to use these interviews as a smokescreen just to bring in an old-school boss like Melvin or LaRocque to run the organization the same exact way. It wouldn't be surprising if either Melvin or LaRocque already knew if they had the job.

All signs point to nothing changing within the New York Mets organization and with a scapegoat about to be hired when things go south, that's just the way the Wilpons like it.

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KD hint good for Knicks?

Kevin Durant's brother suggested on Instagram that the star will be leaving the Warriors.



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Prior to a 108-100 season-opening win over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday night, Kevin Durant and the Golden State Warriors received their rings commemorating their third title in four years. For Durant, it's his second-straight crown after winning Finals MVP honors in both triumphs over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Still, he's just a cog in the machine that has become a franchise poised to be the league's next great dynasty, especially after signing DeMarcus Cousins to add to an already loaded roster that features Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson and Draymond Green.

But Durant might not be staying in town for long.

Throughout the summer, it was rumored that this could very well be Durant's final year with the Warriors. His contract runs out and the end of the 2018-19 season and adds more issues to a



Kevin Durant. GETTY IMAGES

financially-strapped team. The 30-year-old is on course for an enormous payday after taking a cut to keep the Warriors intact during the summer of 2017. It might be too much for the Warriors to handle considering they still also have to resign Klay Thompson next summer, too.

Regardless of money, though, Durant is likely thinking about his image in the long run. He was one of the most respected players in the league during his time with the Thunder before shocking the league and joining the loaded Warriors. The tarnish of his reputation has clearly taken a toll considering his activity on social media over the last two years.

Leaving the Warriors and winning a title without Curry or Thompson or Green could restore his

legacy as a star that could win the big game on his own.

Following Tuesday night's win over his former team, Durant took to Instagram to relieve the night. However, it was his brother, Tony, that might have stolen the show for him while dropping a huge hint on his future in the comment section.

"Yessir brother!!!! Fill in the hand up before we get outta here," he wrote.

Looks like the Durant family is already packing even with the summer of 2019 being over 250 days away.

If Durant does wind up leaving the Warriors, the New York Knicks seem to be overwhelming favorites.

It has already been disclosed that Durant likes New York and finds the same "allure" with the Knicks as LeBron James found with the Los Angeles Lakers before signing with them.

ESPN's Zach Lowe added fuel to the fire by predicting that Durant will sign with the Knicks next summer. New York has two max salary slots to use in free agency and teaming up Durant with the likes of Kristaps Porzingis, Kevin Knox and one other big-name free agent could quickly make the Knicks a serious contender in the Eastern Conference.

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NA AS TRUSTEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES WMABS SERIES 2007-HE1 TRUST, Plaintiff against JENNIFER BARIMAH, et al Defendants
Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP
28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered August 20, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York 11435, in Courtroom #25 on November 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Premises known as 111-43 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Queens Village, NY 11429. Block 10965 Lot 262. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Fourth Ward, Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$560,203.83 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 15017/09. Joseph N. Misk, Esq., Referee
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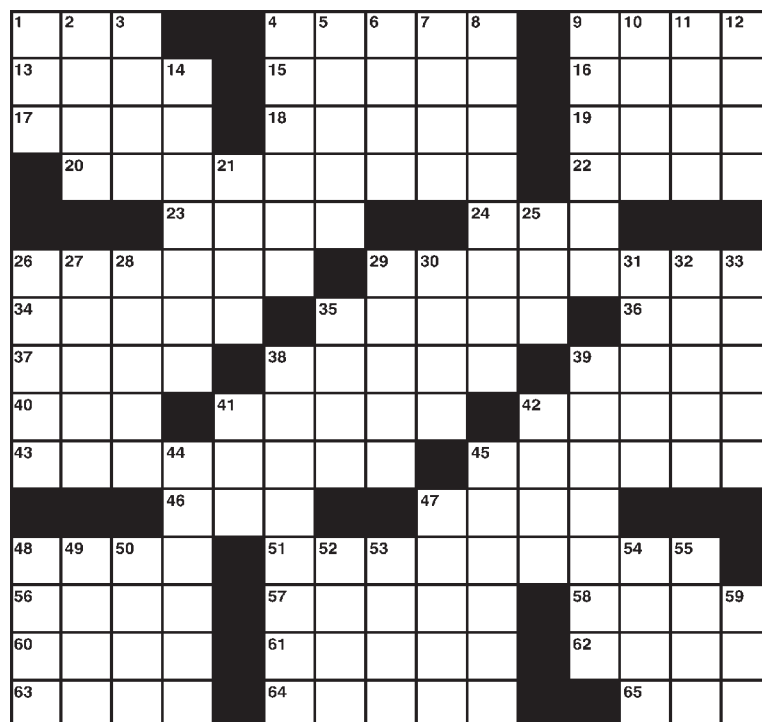
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20 Geometric shape
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35 Most populous nation
36 "Let sleeping dogs ___"
37 ___ like; imitates
38 Sound of cymbals
39 Ice cream treat
40 Fraternity letter
41 Blackboard user's need
42 Outer garments
43 ___ lamp; portable light
45 Most devious

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46 Victory
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48 Astonish
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56 Remain optimistic
57 Opposite of "teach"
58 Middyay
60 Skunk's defense
61 At ___; roaming free
62 Actress Storm
63 Heavy weights
64 Go into
65 Thoreau's monogram

14 Oliver Twist's creator
21 Conway and Allen
25 "___ Lazy River"
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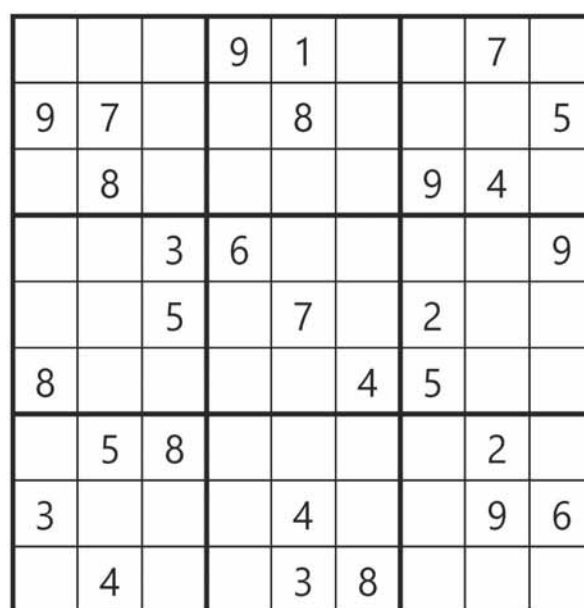
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